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Summary of the March 1959 Monthly Narrative Report

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TRAVEL:	Travel increased. 277 vehicles, 94[illegible] passengers	1
INSPECTIONS:	Wyoming Fish & Game representatives in	1
SPECIAL VISITORS:	Chief Park Ranger Hart en route to Mt. [illegible]	1
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Brown returned from WASO on 1st; Brown and Condon to WASO on 12th; Garrison returns from Everglades; Correspondence Workshop conducted by [illegible]; Edwards to Butte; Valder speaks to Bonneville Sportsmen's Ass'n; Milligan to Missoula; Condon speaks to Livingston Lodge #32 Free and Accepted Masons, also to Sacajawea Audubon Club; Hewitt speaks to Gardiner [illegible] Miller to WASO; Staff Meeting; NPS Lake Mern[illegible]	1-[illegible]
PERSONNEL:	Gerald A. Rowe, Thomas B. Hyde, Joseph [illegible] and Aubrey L. Haines, promoted; Maintenance wage rate schedule approved; T.K.Garry transferred to Custer Battlefield [illegible]	[illegible]
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Meetings March 19 and 27. At the 19th meeting awards announced: Superior Performance award and [illegible] award to Robinson; $50 supplemental award to [illegible]; $10 award to Armstrong; completion awards to Edwards and Davis; 3 sessions conducted by Gastellum	[illegible]
MISCELLANEOUS:	NFFE and AFGE held regular monthly meetings; campaign for Red Cross; annual Community Winter Picnic; completion certificates for Brown, Condon, Gastellum and Rowe; Edwards to Hospital; Snowshoe race in West Yellowstone	[illegible]

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OADS & TRAILS:	Plowing of roads began March 9	5
ROTECTION & ANGER SERVICE:	Winter patrols by rangers; hunting season north of Park closed	5
EARS:	First bear of season, Grizzly	5
IGHORNS:	Observed in Lamar area and Mt. Everts	5
ISON:	First buffalo calf observed on March 8; herds of 185 observed in Old Faithful area; 26 in Biscout Basin; 8 in Hayden Valley, 81 east of Tower Junction	5
LK:	Direct reduction ended March 6; Live trapping continued through March 31. Elk plentiful throughout Park - many observed in Old Faithful, Snake River and Lamar areas, and 147 just east of Mammoth. Approximately 82 elk tagged and released. Elk census, northern area disclosed 945 outside Park boundary, 3,639 inside Park boundary	6
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OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 15, 1959

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Acting Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for March, 1959

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of March, 1959:

General

Weather. Snowfall was normal during March, and precipitation was low. Maximum temperature at Mammoth was 48 degrees, and the minimum was -5. Precipitation was .70 inches.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel to the Park increased during the month of March. There were intervals of no snowfall and the roads remained free and clear for most of the month allowing people to visit the Park and observe the wildlife in the Lamar Valley. There were 277 motor vehicles carrying 944 passengers in the Park during the month.

Inspections. Wyoming Fish and Game Commission representatives from Jackson and Cheyenne were in the Park discussing game management problems.

Special Visitors. Chief Park Ranger Ruben G. Hart, former Yellowstone Park ranger, visited the Park on the 30th en route to Mt. Rainier National Park where he is transferring from Everglades National Park.

Special Activities. Chief Ranger Brown returned on the 1st from the National Park Service Management Development Program in Washington, D. C. after visiting Everglades National Park and several other Parks in the southwest. Mr. Brown returned to Washington to attend the conference of Chief Park Rangers, Historians, and Chief Park Naturalists, held March 12-23. Park Naturalist Condon, also attended this conference, returning on the 27th.

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April 13, 1939

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Acting Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for March, 1939

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of March, 1939.

Summary

Trailing. Snowfall was moved during March, and precipitation was low. Maximum temperature at Mammoth was 60 degrees, and the minimum was -5. Precipitation was .75 inches.

Increase of Increase in Travel. Travel to the Park increased during the month of March. There were intervals of no snowfall and the road conditions from the sight for most of the month allowing people to visit the Park and observe the wildlife in the lower valley. There were 177 motor vehicles carrying 316 passengers in the Park during the month.

Depredations. Wyoming Fish and Game Commission representatives from Jackson and Cheyenne were in the Park discussing Park management problems.

Special Visitors. Chief Park Ranger Robert M. Clark, former Yellowstone Park ranger, visited the Park on the 20th on tours of Mt. Rainier National Park where he is transferring from Yellowstone National Park.

Special Activities. Chief Ranger Brown returned on the 16th from the National Park Service Management Development Program in Washington, D. C. after visiting Everglades National Park and several other parks in the southeast. Mr. Brown returned to Washington to attend the conference of Chief Park Rangers, Directorate, and Chief Park Naturalists, held March 13-23. Park Naturalist Cowden, also attended this conference, succeeding on the 27th.

On March 7 Superintendent Garrison returned from Everglades National Park where he attended a National Park Service Boating Committee Meeting.

Mr. James R. McCabe of the General Services Administration of Denver, conducted a ten-hour correspondence workshop in Mammoth on March 5 and 6. Approximately 40 employees attended.

March 21, Ranger Harold O. Edwards traveled to Butte to attend the Skyline Sportsmen's Association meeting.

Park Ranger James Valder gave an illustrated talk before the Bonneville Sportsman's Association in Idaho Falls on the 6th.

Smokejumper Squad Leader Tom Milligan attended a forest service smokejumper organization meeting in Missoula on March 16-20.

Chief Park Naturalist Condon presented a talk on Yellowstone and a movie on Yellowstone to the Livingston Lodge #32 Free and Accepted Masons and their families. On March 12, in Livingston, he presented a movie on "Birds of Yellowstone" to the Sacajawea Audubon Club.

On March 16 Park Naturalist Hewitt presented a program to the Gardiner Parents and Teachers Association group.

Personnel Officer Richard Miller attended a basic training course in position classification in Washington, D. C., March 23 to April 3.

The National Park Service Mess at Lake opened on March 23.

A staff meeting was held on March 12.

Administration

Personnel. Gerald A. Rowe, promotion, in the new Division of Maintenance and Operation of Physical Facilities, Supervisory Civil Engineer (Park Engineer), GS-13, effective February 18.

Thomas B. Hyde, promotion, Supervisory Civil Engineer (General) (Assistant Park Engineer), GS-12, effective March 8.

Joseph C. Ely, promotion, GS-5, Cost Accounting Clerk, effective March 22.

Aubrey L. Haines, promotion, GS-11, Construction & Maintenance Superintendent (Buildings and Utilities, effective March 22.

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Maintenance wage rate schedule No. 6-59 was approved by the Region Two Office on March 16. Nearly all wage board employees will receive pay adjustments, effective March 22.

Four Civil Service examinations were conducted.

Mr. Thomas K. Garry, Management Assistant in the Protection Division, entered on duty as Superintendent of Custer Battlefield National Monument, Crow Agency, Montana, March 8.

In-Service Training. Two in-service training sessions were held for employees, one on the 19th and one on the 27th. At the March 19th meeting, Superintendent Garrison announced that Robert R. Robinson, Equipment Supervisor, had been awarded a Superior Performance Award and a Cash Award of $300. Mr. Robinson has completed 36 years of government service. Mr. Ellis E. Gabbert, Supervisory Accountant, received $50 supplemental award for a suggestion regarding maintaining accounting of government bills of lading. Previously, he had received an award of $50 for the same idea. Donald L. Armstrong, Foreman, Mixed Gang, received a check for $10 as award for an idea on adjustable snow fence.

District Rangers Eliot Davis and Harold O. Edwards were awarded certificates for courses of instruction in Public Administration completed at the University of Montana.

Assistant Superintendent Gastellum conducted two 4-hour sessions on programming of funds, with one session attended by all headquarters technical engineering personnel and another session by sub-district, district and other members of the Division of Ranger Activities, as well as representatives from the Accounting and Property Management branches. It is believed better controls over fund expenditures will be established as a result of improving programming techniques.

Miscellaneous. The National Federation of Federal Employees Union held its regular monthly meeting on March 2.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held on the 9th.

The Red Cross Drive was conducted this month.

The annual Community Winter Picnic sponsored by the Sunday School was held March 14 at the Lamar Unit .

On March 5, Messrs. Otto M. Brown, David deL. Condon, Luis A. Gastellum, and Gerald A. Rowe received Completion Certificates for the National Park Service Management Development Seminar held January 19-30 in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Harold O. Edwards was taken to the Memorial Hospital in Livingston, Montana early Easter Sunday morning, March 29 where he will remain for some time.

A snowshoe race was held in West Yellowstone and the contestants pulled toboggans with 75 pounds of rocks. Prizes of $100, $50 and $25 were awarded. The West Yellowstone promoters hope to make this an annual contest.

Births. A son, Steven Elliott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norton, Memorial Hospital, Livingston, Montana on April 1. Mr. Norton is employed by Hamilton Stores, Inc., and is stationed at Mammoth.

Deaths. Mr. Joseph Proznick, 60, died in Livingston, March 25. Mr. Proznick was employed by the Yellowstone Park for many years as a mechanic. He is the father of Mrs. Thomas J. Hellin. Funeral in Livingston.

Mr. Hugh D. Galusha, Sr., passed away March 13. The firm of Galusha, Higgins and Galusha, of which Mr. Galusha was the senior partner, handled concessions accounts in the Park for more than 40 years. Funeral in Helena.

Cooperative Activities

General Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of Park happenings.

Three press releases were issued: March 10: New assignments of Lennert Y. Berg, Eliot Davis, and Tom Garry; March 20: Yellowstone elk wear red neckties; March 24: Awards for Robert R. Robinson.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Chapel was used every Sunday for the regular church school and Protestant church services. A special Easter service was held Easter Sunday, March 29 at 6:00 a.m.

A constitution and by-laws has been accepted by Yellowstone-Gardiner-Mammoth Winter Ministry.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. An exhibit panel entitled "Indian Raid" is completed for installation near Otter Creek. Another panel entitled "Avenue of Travel" is ready for installation on the West Entrance road. Many interpretive signs have been completed for installation along the Madison Junction-West Yellowstone highway sometime in May.

Research and Observation. Many springs on the Mammoth Terraces showed very little thermal activity during the month.

Mr. Condon climbed Mt. Everts on March 8 and photographed 10 bighorn ewes, 2 lambs and 2 rams.

Concessioners. Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Child, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Trev Povah and Hugh Galusha, Jr. attended a meating of the Western Converence of National Park Concessioners held in Washington, D. C., on March 2 and 3.

Mr. John Q. Nichols, President of Yellowstone Park Company underwent surgery to improve his impaired hearing on March 23 and will continue treatment for approximately 8 to 10 weeks. While recouperating his address is Drake Hotel, 440 Park Avenue at 56th Street, New York, New York.

Roads and Trails. Plowing of roads in the Park began on March 9, with two rotaries. Two plows were added March 16 and the Norris utility area and intake roads were plowed. The snow plowing has been done on schedule, due to the effect of our mid-winter plowing this year, although the snow is about 20 per cent deeper than last year. There has been an apparent saving in cost.

Protection and Ranger Service. Rangers in the Snake River district made a game survey of Grand Teton National Park and points of southern Yellowstone. Game and range observation patrols were made at several points throughout the Park.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. The first new-born buffalo calf of the season was observed at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Lamar Rivers on March 6.

Hunting season closed north of the Park on March 7.

BEARS. The first bear of the season, a grizzly, was observed between the high bridge and Undine Falls on March 28.

BIGHORNS. Several bighorn sheep have been observed frequently in the Lamar area. One adult male has been seen almost daily near the confluence of Lamar River and Soda Butte Creek. On March 8, ten ewes, two lambs and two rams were observed on Mt. Everts.

BISON. On March 20, in the Old Faithful area, 185 were observed, and on the 16th in the Biscuit Basin 26 were counted, on this same day 8 bison were observed in Hayden Valley near the road. On March 31, near Junction Butte just east of Tower Junction, 81 bison were observed.

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ELK. Direct elk reduction ended on March 7. Live trapping continued through March 31.

Elk are plentiful throughout the Park. Approximately 20 were seen in the Old Faithful area on the 20th; small herds of elk were observed throughout the entire area of the survey made by the Snake River rangers; in the Lamar area 157 were observed on March 23, and 500 on March 24. In one herd of elk 147 were observed near the Sheepeater Canyon Bridge, just east of Mammoth.

During the month approximately 82 elk were tagged, banded and released from traps in Yellowstone for migration studies. Yellowstone's bands are of bright red plastic, about 3 inches wide and are placed around the neck of the animals.

An elk census was conducted on March 26 and 27 of the northern Yellowstone winter range. Total observed outside the northern boundaries of the Park was 945 as compared to 1,059 in 1956. Total observed inside the Park 3,939 as compared with 5,904 observed in 1956.

MOOSE. Several moose were observed in the Snake River district.

OTTER. Two were observed on the Yellowstone River near the mouth of Otter Creek on March 16.

Luis A. Gastellum
Acting Superintendent

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WEATHER:	Cold with snowstorms first half of month; below zero temperatures. Maximum 45°, minimum -9°, precipitation 1.64 inches. -32° at West; snow depth at Old Faithful 35 inches on 28th	1
TRAVEL:	Total 582 by car, 226 by snowmobile	1
INSPECTIONS:	Edwin L. Dattery, Structural Engineer and Kenneth H. Goslin, WODC, in Feb. 1[illegible]	1
VISITORS:	Ty Hotchkiss, photographer, Feb. 17	1
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Rangers Davis and Edwards to School of Public Administration in Missoula for month; Supt. Garrison and Sam Hoover, NASO, to Butte, Power Contract signed Feb. 10; Superintendent and Frank Sylvester to Jackson to attend meeting on elk studies with Jackson Hole Elk Herd Committee, Feb. [illegible]; Asst. Supt. Castellum returned from Washington, Feb. 8; Ranger Hughes & Curator Ingmanson to Yosemite NP, attend Fourth Session of Training Center, Approval of opening dates for Yellowstone Park Company and Hamilton Stores, Inc., Park officials & officials from Grand Teton NP met in St. Anthony, Feb. 11 to finalize 1959 Wage Board Survey, two Civil Service exams; Rolla Everett to Denver on GSA and Property Management, Feb. 1[illegible]-17; Gene McLeod to Denver, Feb. 16-20, attend Safety Seminar for Rocky Mountain area; Superintendent to Everglades NP, Feb. 19 to attend Boating Committee meeting; Engineering Division designation; Beal provided program for Park County Rod & Gun Club, Livingston, Feb. 19; Mattson & Rowe to WODC on programming and planning; Castellum & Haines to Billings to investigate housing constr. costs, Feb. 26; Brown returned from Washington, Feb. 28; Condon to Livingston, Feb. 11, presented program to Elks Club; Safety Committee meeting Feb. 4, earthquake Jan. 27 at Old Faithful.	2-3

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